

Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
September 8, 2016

Present: Rita Kornblum, Pene Williams, Virginia Walton (staff)

The meeting was began at 6:35 pm.

The July 14, 2016 minutes were deferred until there is a meeting quorum.

There was discussion about the plastic bag research completed by Assistant Town Planner, Megan McLaughlin in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. If the committee is interested in gathering more information about other communities' efforts to reduce plastic bag use, the McLaughlin study could be a good reference. Walton stated that there will be a webinar on September 15, 2016 hosted by CT DEEP to implement comprehensive statewide plastic film recycling. Walton will send the link to members who would like to participate.

Kornblum reported that the Storrs Unitarian Church is interested in hosting a screening of the movie, "Just Eat It", in January. Kornblum will confirm a date. Walton stated the library is also willing to show the movie as part of their regular programs and she will proceed in lining up a date. Kornblum will check with the Parks and Recreation department to see if a screening could be included in their brochure of programs. The deadline for the brochure may be coming up quickly. Walton will check with the Friends Meeting – they could also be a good venue for the film screening. Kornblum offered to write an article for the November Neighbor's newspaper focused on food waste. Kornblum will also talk about this as part of a regular WECS radio interview. Kornblum reported that there was a wealth of information and ideas set forth during an Ohio State food waste webinar that she recently participated in. Mansfield is right in step with a growing movement. Walton will contact the school PTOs to give them an update on Food Too Good To Waste and offer them a fall program.

There was discussion about designating Saturday, April 29, 2017 as Rid Litter Day. Kornblum will inquire if the Parks and Recreation Department's Natural Areas Volunteers would be interested in participating.

Walton gave the following updates: volunteers are needed for Sunday, September 18, 2016 Celebrate Mansfield Festival, a staff meeting to critique and refine the draft low waste event policy is set for September 28, 2016, the senior center waste audit is scheduled for September 22, 2016, the Repair Café date has been changed from October 1 to October 22, 2016. Walton will send out notice of the changed date, including signs that can be posted at the church on October 1, 2016.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2016. With the amount of activity, Walton will ask members about their willingness to meet every month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Walton